

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing necrosis in a pedicle flap or in any microvascular surgery comprising topically applying to pedicle or other source of blood supply, a therapeutically effective amount of a vasodilator composition comprising ethyl nitrite ~~containing NO or NO donor or prodrug that causes formation of nitrosothiol in tissue, optionally in combination with lidocaine.~~

2-6. Cancelled.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for delivering a drug comprising incorporating the drug in a gel or in a solution or in a pharmaceutical base, containing from 1 μM to 100 μM nitrosylated polythiolated cyclodextrin or other nitrosylated polymer or long lived gel coating equivalent exemplified by cyclodextrin or coating the drug in pill form with a coating that delivers nitric oxide, and administering the resulting drug containing composition topically to the skin or topically to the gastrointestinal tract.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, where the drug is incorporated in a therapeutically effective amount in a gel containing from 1 μM to 100 μM nitrosylated polythiolated cyclodextrin.